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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:				
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QUAD:	,,	7.4			
DISTRICT:	5	NR:	ACTUAL		
			POTENTIAL		

11	DENTIFICATION	,
	1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Scott Laboratory	Historic: same
	2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE:	COUNTY: Middlesex
	3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Church Street	
	4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University	PUBLIC_xPRIVATE
		ric: Physics Building
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Interior accessible: x yes, explain	: x yes no no no
D	ESCRIPTION	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Renaissance Revival	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1903
	8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate): clapboardasbestos sidingwood shingleasphalt sidingboard & battenstuccoaluminum sidingconcrete: type:	<pre>x brick fieldstone cobblestone cut stone: type: limestone trim; granite foundation</pre>
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: wood frame:post and beamballoon x load bearing masonryx structural iron or steel (iother:	nterior framing)
1	0. ROOF: type: gableflat mansardmonitorgambrelshedx hipround	
	material:wood shingleroll asphalt tinx slateasphalt shinglebuilt up tileother:	main section 102'x51'
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1	2. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good good	fair deteriorated deteriorated
1	3. INTEGRITY: Location: * on original sitemoved, when:	addition, rear
1	4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: barnshedgarageother lateother lateshopgardenother lateshopgarden	ndscape features or buildings:
	commercialindustrial rural high bui	d buildings visible from site ilding density
1 15	6. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS one of a group of large early twentieth century brid	Wesleyan University's Scott Laborator, ck buildings with light colored stone

is one of a group of large early twentieth century brick buildings with light colored stone de tail. Located on an incline, this structure borders Church Street. Scott, like the two fraternity houses below it, fronts away from the street towards College Row. Its unusual siting was caused when the extension of Church Street replaced the section of Cross Street that this building faced.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Main facade: leaded stained glass window; ornate stone detail

Interior: large wooden central staircase

SIGNIFICAN	

Architect: Charles A. Rich, New York City Builder: Mylchreest & Sons, Middletown

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Scott Laboratory originally housed the Wesleyan University Physics Department. The building, gift of Charles Scott and his son Charles Scott (class of '86), was dedicated in 1904 to the memory of Chaplain John Bell Scott.

Like other colleges, Wesleyan experienced marked growth in the first decade of the twenti the century. This building and Fisk Hall were both constructed in 1903. Scott was designed by Charles A. Rich, a notable collegiate architect. The most distinctive feature of this Renaissance Revival structure, presently masked by ivy, is its tall central pavillion. Rusticate stone surrounds the round arched main portal. Above the first story, two engaged columns flank a two story round arched window bay. The upper portion of the bay contains a large leaded stained glass window. A cartouche-like oval window is displayed on the stepped pedimented gable. These elements are ornately decorated by swags and other intricate details. Smooth and sculpted limestone details set against the brick walls produce a variety of form and color.

Scott Laboratory has been used on a temporary basis since 1971 when physics classes were moved to the newly constructed Science Tower. At the present time, the building is unoccupied however, the university may decide to fully utilize Scott's interior space in the future.

PHOTOGRAPH

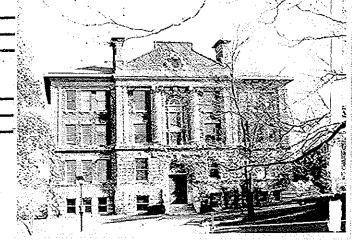
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19. SOURCES: Wesleyan University Archives; Wesleyan Argus, 26 Feb 1971, 28 Sep 1976, 14 Feb 1978; Henry F. Withey and Elsie R. Withey, Biographical Directory of American Architects, Deceased (Los Angeles: New Age Publishing Co., 1956)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



none known	UILDING OR SITE:highwaysprivateX		andalism	id	developers zoning		other:	n: Ivy ha	s overgrown
the surface o	pnvate f the building deterioration.	to							